

Nutrition and Dietetics Major Goals and Outcome Measures

Over the past five years all outcome measures have been exceeded.

Goal 1: To prepare students to succeed in dietetic internships, graduate school or entry level jobs in nutrition and dietetics or related professional settings.

Outcome Measures:

- Over a five year period, at least 75% of graduates will be employed in a professional setting related to nutrition and dietetics or enrolled in a postgraduate education program two years after program completion.
- Over a five year period, at least 80% of seniors and alumni applying to dietetic internships and/or graduate school will be successful.
- Over a five year period, at least 90% of first time test takers will pass the Registration Exam for Dietitians.

Goal 2: To nurture students' ability to integrate Christian faith with nutrition and dietetics practice.

Outcome Measures:

- Over a five-year period, at least 75% of seniors completing the exit interview will report that the program's performance in this area is "good" or "excellent".
- Over a five year period, at least 75% of alumni returning the Alumni Survey will rate the program's achievement of this goal as "good" or "excellent".

Goal 3: To foster student commitment to life-long learning, professional development, and community service.

Outcome Measures:

- Over a five year period, at least 75% of the seniors who complete the exit interview will rate the achievement of this goal as "good" or "excellent".
- Over a five-year period, at least 75% of alumni who complete the Alumni Survey will rate the program's achievement of this goal as "good" or "excellent".
- Over a five year period, at least 75% of the alumni who complete the alumni survey will report some form of continuing professional development (internship, graduate school, other professional certification, professional meetings, etc.)
- Over a five year period, at least 75% of the alumni who complete the alumni survey will report participation in some form of community service.
- Over a five year period, at least 75% of the employers, graduate school advisors, or internship directors who return the Alumni Supervisor Survey will rate the ability of graduates to "demonstrate professional ethics; skills in teamwork,

collaboration, and leadership; and commitment to life-long learning, professional development, and community service” as “good” or “ excellent”.

Goal 4: To promote mentoring, teamwork, and collaboration among students and faculty.

Outcome Measures:

- Over a five year period, the annual average score for all Nutrition and Dietetics faculty members on responses to the following will be above 4.00 (“agree”): “My advisor exhibits concern for my personal welfare and growth” and “Overall, the assistance provided by my advisor has been helpful.”
- Over a five year period, at least 85% of full-time students who are dietetics majors at the start of the fall junior year coursework will complete the nutrition and dietetics major.
- Over a five-year period, at least 75% of seniors completing the senior exit interview will rate the achievement of this goal as “good” or “excellent”.
- Over a five-year period, at least 75% of the alumni who return the alumni survey will rate the achievement of this goal as “good” or “excellent”.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of various communication, education, and counseling techniques and the ability to use them in actual or hypothetical entry-level situations.
2. Students will demonstrate understanding of nutrition science and the ability to apply this knowledge in assessing and planning optimal nutrition for healthy individuals and groups in actual or hypothetical entry-level settings.
3. Students will demonstrate knowledge of medical nutrition therapy concepts and practices and the ability to apply this knowledge to actual or hypothetical entry-level situations.
4. Students will demonstrate knowledge of food consumption patterns, food technology, and composition, and food safety and preparation methods for individuals, families, and groups.
5. Students will demonstrate the ability to locate, interpret, synthesize, and evaluate information from a variety of sources to solve problems and reach appropriate decisions and conclusions.
6. Students will explain policy development and applications and selected principles of management and will demonstrate the ability to apply their understanding of certain financial management tools and techniques, especially in the context of dietetics practice.
7. Students will integrate their Christian faith with their understanding of dietetics practice and will demonstrate professional ethics; skills in teamwork, collaboration and leadership; and commitment to life long learning, professional development and community service.